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(Check box as directed in Part D: Debtor's Statement  
in Support of Reaffirmation Agreement.)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION AT AKRON

IN RE:

Michele R. Reed  
Debtor

CHAPTER 7  
BANKRUPTCY NO. 09-51859-MSS

Judge MARILYN SHEA-STONUM

**REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT**

*[Indicate all documents included in this filing by checking each applicable box]*

[X] Part A: Disclosures, Instructions,  
and Notice to Debtor (Pages 1 - 5)

[X] Part B: Reaffirmation Agreement

[X] Part C: Certification by Debtor's  
Attorney

[X] Part D: Debtor's Statement in  
Support of Reaffirmation Agreement

*[File Part E only if debtor was not  
represented by an attorney during the course  
of negotiating this agreement.]*

[ ] Part E: Motion for Court Approval

[ ] Proposed Order Approving  
Reaffirmation Agreement

Name of Creditor: DCFS Trust

[ ] (Check this box if) Creditor is a Credit Union as defined in §19(b)(1)(a)(iv) of the  
Federal Reserve Act

**PART A: DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICE TO DEBTOR(S)**

**1. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

*Before Agreeing to Reaffirm a Debt, Review These Important Disclosures:*

**SUMMARY OF REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT.**

This Summary is made pursuant to the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code.

**AMOUNT REAFFIRMED**

The amount of debt you have agreed to reaffirm:

\$26,711.21

*The amount of debt you have agreed to reaffirm includes all fees and costs (if any) that have accrued  
as of the date of this disclosure. Your credit agreement may obligate you to pay additional amounts which  
may come due after the date of this disclosure statement. Consult your credit agreement.*

## ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE

*[The annual percentage rate can be disclosed in different ways, depending on the type of debt.]*

a. If the debt is an extension of "credit" under an "open end credit plan," as those terms are defined in § 103 of the Truth in Lending Act, such as a credit card, the creditor may disclose the annual percentage rate shown in (i) below or, to the extent this rate is not readily available or not applicable, the simple interest rate shown in (ii) below, or both.

(i) The Annual Percentage Rate disclosed, or that would have been disclosed, to the debtor in the most recent periodic statement prior to entering into the reaffirmation agreement described in Part B below or, if no such periodic statement was given to the debtor during the prior six months, the annual percentage rate as it would have been so disclosed at the time of the disclosure state: \_\_\_\_\_%.

-- And/Or --

(ii) The simple interest rate applicable to the amount reaffirmed as of the date this disclosure statement is given to the debtor: \_\_\_\_\_%. If different simple interest rates apply to different balances included in the amount reaffirmed, the amount of each balance and the rate applicable to it are:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ %;  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ %;  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ %.

b. If the debt is an extension of credit other than under an open end credit plan, the creditor may disclose the annual percentage rate shown in (i) below, or, to the extent this rate is not readily available or not applicable, the simple interest rate shown in (ii) below, or both.

(i) The Annual Percentage Rate under §§(4) of the Truth in Lending Act, as disclosed to the debtor in the most recent disclosure statement given to the debtor prior to entering into the reaffirmation agreement with respect to the debt or, if no such disclosure statement was given to the debtor, the annual percentage rate as it would have been so disclosed: \_\_\_\_\_%

-- And/Or --

(ii) The simple interest rate applicable to the amount reaffirmed as of the date this disclosure statement is given to the debtor: N/A%. If different simple interest rates apply to different balances included in the amount reaffirmed,

the amount of each balance and the rate applicable to it are:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ %;  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ %;  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ %.

c. If the underlying debt transaction was disclosed as a variable rate transaction on the most recent disclosure given under the Truth in Lending Act:

The interest rate on your loan may be a variable interest rate which changes from time to time, so that the annual percentage rate disclosed here may be higher or lower.

d. If the reaffirmed debt is secured by a security interest or lien, which has not been waived or determined to be void by a final order of the court, the following items or types of items of the debtor's goods or property remain subject to such security interest or lien in connection with the debt or debts being reaffirmed in the reaffirmation agreement described in Part B.

<u>Item or Type of Item</u>	<u>Original Purchase Price or Original Amount of Loan</u>
2008 Chrysler 300 VIN: 2C3LA53G58H223100	<u>\$28,965.00</u>

*Optional--At the election of the creditor, a repayment schedule using one or a combination of the following may be provided:*

**Repayment Schedule:**

Your first payment in the amount of \$399.85 is due on May 12, 2009, but the future payment amount may be different. Consult your reaffirmation agreement or credit agreement, as applicable.

-- Or --

Your payment schedule will be: \_\_\_\_\_ (number) payments in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each, payable (monthly, annually, weekly, etc.) on the \_\_\_\_\_ (day) of each \_\_\_\_\_ (week, month, etc.), unless altered later by mutual agreement in writing.

-- Or --

A reasonably specific description of the debtor's repayment obligations to the extent known by the creditor or creditor's representative.

## 2. INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICE TO DEBTOR(S)

**Reaffirming this debt is a serious financial decision.** The law requires you to take certain steps to make sure that the decision to reaffirm is in your best interest. If these steps are not completed, the reaffirmation agreement is not effective, even though you have signed it.

1. Read the disclosures in this Part A carefully. Consider the decision to reaffirm carefully. Then, if you want to reaffirm, sign the reaffirmation agreement in Part B (or you may use a separate agreement you and your creditor agree on).
2. Complete and sign Part D and be sure you can afford to make the payments you are agreeing to make and have received a copy of the disclosure statement and a completed and signed reaffirmation agreement.
3. If you were represented by an attorney during the negotiation of your reaffirmation agreement, your attorney must sign this certification in Part C.
4. If you were not represented by an attorney during the negotiation of your reaffirmation agreement, you must have completed and signed Part E.
5. The original of this disclosure statement must be filed with the Court by you or the creditor. If a separate reaffirmation agreement (other than the one in Part B) has been signed, it must be attached.
6. If the creditor is not a Credit Union and you were represented by an attorney during the negotiation of your reaffirmation agreement, your reaffirmation agreement becomes effective upon filing with the court unless the reaffirmation is resumed to be an undue hardship as explained in Part D. If the creditor is a Credit Union and you were represented by an attorney during the negotiation of your reaffirmation agreement, your reaffirmation agreement becomes effective upon filing with the court.
7. If you were not represented by an attorney during the negotiation of your reaffirmation agreement, it will not be effective until the court approves it. The court will notify you of the hearing on your reaffirmation agreement. You must attend this hearing in bankruptcy court where the judge will review your reaffirmation agreement. The bankruptcy court must approve your reaffirmation agreement as consistent with your best interests, except that no court approval is required if your reaffirmation agreement is for a consumer debt secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, security deed, or other lien on your real property, like your home.

## YOUR RIGHT TO RESCIND (CANCEL) YOUR REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT

You may rescind (cancel) your reaffirmation agreement at any time before the bankruptcy court enters a discharge order, or before the expiration of the 60-day period that begins on the date your reaffirmation agreement is filed with the court, whichever occurs later. To rescind (cancel) your reaffirmation agreement, you must notify the creditor that your reaffirmation agreement is rescinded (or canceled).

### Frequently Asked Questions:

What are your obligations if you reaffirm the debt? A reaffirmed debt remains your personal legal obligation. It is not discharged in your bankruptcy case. That means that if you default on your reaffirmed debt after your bankruptcy case is over, your creditor may be able to take your property or your wages. Otherwise, your obligations will be determined by the reaffirmation agreement which may have changed the terms of the original agreement. For example, if you are reaffirming an open end credit agreement, the creditor may be permitted by that agreement or applicable law to change the terms of that agreement in the future under certain conditions.

Are you required to enter into a reaffirmation agreement by any law? No, you are not required to reaffirm a debt by any law. Only agree to reaffirm a debt if it is in your best interest. Be sure you can afford the payments you agree to make.

What if your creditor has a security interest or lien? Your bankruptcy discharge does not eliminate any lien on your property. A 'lien' is often referred to as a security interest, deed of trust, mortgage or security deed. Even if you do not reaffirm and your personal liability on the debt is discharged, because of the lien your creditor may still have the right to take the security property if you do not pay the debt or default on it. If the lien is on an item of personal property that is exempt under your State's law or that the Trustee has abandoned, you may be able to redeem the lien rather than reaffirm the debt. To redeem, you make a single payment to the creditor equal to the current value of the security property, as agreed by the parties or determined by the court.

**NOTE:** When this disclosure refers to what a creditor 'may' do, it does not use the word 'may' to give the creditor specific permission. The word 'may' is used to tell you what might occur if the law permits the creditor to take the action. If you have questions about reaffirming this debt or what the law requires, consult with the attorney who helped you negotiate this reaffirmation agreement. If you don't have an attorney, the judge will explain the effect of your reaffirming this debt when the hearing on this reaffirmation agreement is held.

**PART B: REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT.**

I agree to reaffirm the debts arising under the credit agreement described below, and if a lease, assume the lease.

1. Brief description of credit agreement:

Creditor: DCFS Trust

Contract Date: 2/29/08

Account No.: 1547

Net Balance: 26,711.21 as of: April 30, 2009

Arrearages: \$ .00

Attorney Fees: \$.00

Total Amount Due: \$26,711.21 (balance of \$8,796.70 for remaining payments and \$17,914.51 reflects lease end purchase option.)

Annual percentage rate: N/A %

Scheduled Payment Amount: \$399.85

Contractually Due For: April 17, 2009

2. Description of any changes to the credit agreement made as part of this reaffirmation agreement:

NONE

SIGNATURE(S):

Borrower:

X Michele R. Reed

Date: 5-20-09

Accepted by Creditor:

DCFS Trust

Mapother & Mapother, P.S.C.

**ATTENTION: BANKRUPTCY DEPARTMENT**

801 West Jefferson Street

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Counsel for Creditor

MAPOTHER & MAPOTHER, P.S.C.

801 West Jefferson Street

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(502)587-5400

Date of Creditor Acceptance:

6/2/09

**PART C: CERTIFICATION OF DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY (IF ANY),**

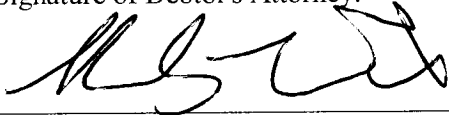
*[To be filed only if the attorney represented the debtor in negotiating the reaffirmation agreement.]*

I hereby certify that (1) this agreement represents a fully informed and voluntary agreement by the debtor; (2) this agreement does not impose an undue hardship on the debtor or any dependent of the debtor; and (3) I have fully advised the debtor of the legal effect and consequences of this agreement and any default under this agreement.

☐ [Check box, if applicable and the creditor is not a Credit Union] A presumption of undue hardship has been established with respect to this agreement, In my opinion, however, the debtor is able to make the payment.

If a presumption of undue hardship has been established with respect to this agreement, I further certify that in my opinion, the debtors are able to make the payment(s) called for by this agreement. However, counsel does not warrant the ability of the debtors to perform the terms of the Reaffirmation Agreement and the signing of this declaration shall in no way be construed as a guaranty of the debtors' obligations under said Reaffirmation Agreement.

Signature of Debtor's Attorney:



Counsel for Debtor  
Robert S. Thomas, II  
Attorney at Law  
One South Main St., 2nd Fl.  
Akron, OH 44308  
330-253-5738

6/26/09  
Date

**PART D: DEBTOR'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT.**

*[Read and complete numbered paragraphs 1 and 2, OR if the creditor is a Credit Union and the debtor is represented by an attorney, read the unnumbered paragraph below. Sign the appropriate signature line(s) and date your signature. If you complete paragraphs 1 and 2 and your income less monthly expenses does not leave enough to make the payments under this reaffirmation agreement, check the box at the top of page 1 indicating "Presumption of Undue Hardship." Otherwise, check the box at the top of page 1 indicating "No Presumption of Undue Hardship"]*

1. I believe this reaffirmation agreement will not impose an undue hardship on my dependents or me. I can afford to make the payments on the reaffirmed debt because my monthly income (take home pay plus any other income received) is \$ 2500, and my actual current monthly expenses including monthly payments on post-bankruptcy debt and other reaffirmation agreements total \$ 2090, leaving \$ 410 to make the required payments on this reaffirmed debt. I understand that if my income less my monthly expenses does not leave enough to make the payments, this reaffirmation agreement is presumed to be an undue hardship on me and must be reviewed by the court. However, this presumption may be overcome if I explain to the satisfaction of the court how I can afford to make payments here: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I received a copy of the Reaffirmation Disclosure Statement in Part A and a completed and signed reaffirmation agreement.

✓ Signed:   
Michele R. Reed, Debtor

Date: 5-26-09

-- Or --

*[If the creditor is a Credit Union and the debtor is represented by an attorney.]*

I believe this reaffirmation agreement is in my financial interest. I can afford to make the payments on the reaffirmed debt. I received a copy of the Reaffirmation Disclosure Statement in Part A and a completed and signed reaffirmation agreement.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele R. Reed, Debtor

Date : \_\_\_\_\_



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**MOTION FOR COURT APPROVAL OF REAFFIRMATION**

I, the Debtor, affirm the following to be true and correct.:

I am not represented by an attorney in connection with this reaffirmation agreement.

I believe this reaffirmation agreement is in my best interest based on the income and expenses I have disclosed in my Statement in Support of this reaffirmation agreement, and because (provide any additional relevant reasons the court should consider):

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Therefore, I ask the court for an order approving this reaffirmation agreement.

- ☐ 11 U.S.C. § 524(c)(6) (debtor is not represented by an attorney during the course of this negotiation of the reaffirmation agreement)
- ☐ 11 U.S.C. § 524(m) (presumption of undue hardship has arisen because monthly expenses exceed monthly income)

Signed:

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Michele R. Reed, Debtor  
617 Alaho  
Akron, Ohio 44305

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**ORDER APPROVING REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT**

The debtor Michele R. Reed has filed a motion for approval of reaffirmation agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ made between the Debtor and DCFS Trust. The court held the hearing required by 11 U.S.C. § 524(d) on notice to the debtor and the creditor on \_\_\_\_\_.

- COURT ORDER:
- ☐ The court grants the Debtor's motion under 11 U.S.C. § 524(c)(6)(A) and approves the reaffirmation agreement described above as not imposing an undue hardship on the debtor(s) or a dependant of the debtor(s) and as being in the best interest of the debtor(s).
  - ☐ The court grants the Debtor's motion under 11 U.S.C. § 524(k)(8) and approves the reaffirmation agreement described above.
  - ☐ The court does not disapprove the reaffirmation agreement under 11 U.S.C. § 524(m)
  - ☐ The court disapproves the reaffirmation agreement under 11 U.S.C. § 524(m).
  - ☐ The court does not approve the reaffirmation agreement.

BY THE COURT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*United States Bankruptcy Judge*